

**NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**  
**REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

President Fraim called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Burfoot, Mr. Smigiel, Dr. Whibley, Ms. Williams and Mr. Winn. Mr. Protogyrou and Mr. Riddick were absent.

He thereupon called for the first item of business.

**A. 2013 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

Bryan Pennington reported:

- Legislative requests include:
  1. Implement VIMS flooding study.
  2. Secure a dedicated, sustainable funding for inter-city passenger rail.
  3. Amend Charter so mayoral elections coincide with Superward elections.
  4. Amend State Code to permit artists hired by the city to hire Virginia contractors to install public art.

Mayor Fraim asked the Administration: a) to provide information by mid January on the revenue received from light rail compared to projections and how it will impact the budget; b) for the port privatization schedule and if there is a committee with federal representation.

**B. HURRICANE SANDY BRIEFING**

Jim Redick reported as follows:

- A timeline was reviewed for the storm.
- Four shelters were opened and housed 61 people and 4 pets.
- Peak wind gusts were low 50's and up to 5.8" of rail fell.
- Partnerships with community organizations and businesses functioned smoothly.

- Damage assessments were completed in one day. No significant public or private property damage was found; 253 private properties sustained damage estimated at \$3.65 million.

## **C. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**

Frank Duke, Director of Planning reported as follows:

- The Planning Commission worked with staff throughout 2011 to draft the plan
- The draft plan was presented to the public at six public meetings in late 2011
- Changes were made to the plan in response to public input in early 2012
- VDOT reviewed and approved the plan in August 2012
- Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the plan for 6:00 p.m. on December 13, 201

Mr. Burfoot urged that the plan contain specific language that will set the stage for making struggling neighborhoods safe and stable places to live and to examine how zoning can help make this possible.

Mr. Smigiel asked that the real estate tax abatement program be examined for targeting it to neighborhoods with housing that could benefit improvements.